

Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

What is claimed:

1. (Previously presented) An apparatus for measuring a patient's bite, comprising:
 - a mount for removable attachment to a mounting point positioned relative to a patient;
 - a mechanical coupling coupled to the mount; and
 - an articulating film holder coupled to the mechanical coupling;
 - wherein the articulating film holder allows for lateral adjustment of the articulating film position to match the width of the patient's dental arches.
2. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the mount for removable attachment is adapted to clamp a pair of glasses worn by the patient.
3. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the mount for removable attachment is adapted to couple to a mechanical mounting point on a pair of glasses worn by the patient.
4. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 3, wherein the mounting point and the mount for removable attachment form a ball-and-socket joint when coupled.
5. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 3, wherein the mount is adapted to couple to a mounting point supported by apparatus indirectly positioned relative to the patient.
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the mechanical coupling allows for vertical adjustment of the position of the articulating film holder.

8. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling allows for adjustment of the position of the articulating film holder, each position being substantially held stably until readjustment.

9. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling comprises one or more moveable joints.

10. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 7, wherein the mechanical coupling comprises one or more flexible members.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the articulating film holder allows for adjustment of the articulating film angular position.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, wherein the articulating film holder is adapted to be guided to a position in the patient's mouth by gliding along the patient's cheeks.

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus for measuring a patient's bite, comprising:
a mount for removable attachment to a mounting point positioned relative to a patient;
a mechanical coupling coupled to the mount; and
an articulating film holder coupled to the mechanical coupling;
wherein the articulating film holder is adapted to receive one or more forceps that hold articulating film.

15. (Original) The apparatus for measuring a patient's bite of claim 1, further comprising a pair of safety glasses that include a mounting point.

16 - 27 (Cancelled)

28. (currently amended) An occlusal marking system, comprising:
a nose post,
a holder rod operable to couple to the nose post, and
a speaker-spreader operable to reversibly couple to the holder rod by a moveable joint, the spreader being adapted to accept occlusal marking film forceps and operable to vary the distance between occlusal marking films.

29. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the holder rod is operable to couple to the nose post through a universal joint.

30. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 29, wherein the universal joint is a ball-and-socket joint.

31. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is operable to reversibly couple to the holder rod by a fork joint.

32. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is operable to reversibly couple to the holder rod through a joint that may be coupled and uncoupled without the use of tools.

33. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader further includes a rotatable coupling for adjusting the width of occlusal marking film forceps.

34. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 33, wherein the spreader rotatable coupling includes a friction fitting for holding a set width of occlusal marking film forceps.

35. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 33, wherein the spreader rotatable coupling includes a spring to urge held occlusal marking film forceps laterally.

36. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, further comprising a pair of glasses whose nose bridge includes an affixed to the nose post.

37. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the nose post includes a clamp to reversibly couple to the bridge of a pair of glasses.

38. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is adapted to hold a pair of occlusal marking film forceps longitudinally.

39. (Original) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, wherein the spreader is adapted to hold a single occlusal marking film forceps laterally.

40. (currently amended) The occlusal marking system of claim 28, further comprising at least least one occlusal marking film forceps.